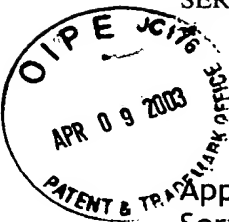


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In the subject patent application please make the following the following amendments prior to assignment to and consideration by an Examiner.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 1, insert as title,

--DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDER WITH SEVERAL VIDEO SOURCES AND  
 MULTIPLEXER FOR SUCH A DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDER--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Pages 7 and 8 delete all claims and replace with the following.

--11. A digital video recorder comprising :

an encoder of a first analogue signal into a first digital stream;  
 a decoder of a second digital stream into a second analogue signal;  
 a medium interface for reading and recording on a medium;  
 at least one digital source outputting a third digital stream; and,  
 a multiplexer coupled to the encoder and to the decoder and to the  
 digital source and to the medium interface,  
 wherein the multiplexer comprises a first switch, which selectively  
 couples the decoder to the encoder or to the digital source.

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